

The
American Indian
and the
Gospel



Baptist Missionary

The strongest force that has assisted the American Indian to make his adjustment to the demands of the new day has been Christianity. After witnessing the behavior of a group of Indians attending an annual meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, a delegate said: "Seeing and hearing these Indians has given me a new conception of the transforming power of the gospel."

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The years 1940-41 witnessed many spiritual triumphs on Indian fields where the missionaries of the two national Baptist Home Mission Societies labor.

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The home missionary enterprise, in season and out, has championed the rights of the Indian and protested against wrongs done him. Missionary influence has been behind many of the most significant material gains which he has won.

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Northern Baptists through the missionaries under appointment by The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society maintain churches for the people of twenty Indian tribes: Apache, Arapaho, Caddoe, Delaware, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa, and Wichita all in Oklahoma; Hopi, Navajo, and Yavapai-Apache in Arizona; Crow in Montana; Piute, Shoshone, and Washoe in Nevada; Chansi, Chuckchansie, and Mono in California; and Seneca and Tuscarora in New York. On these fields there is a staff

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of 34 missionaries under appointment by the two Home Mission Boards in addition to the 38 members of the faculty of Bacone College.

Bacone College is the only Indian school of junior college rank in the United States. There are eight other junior colleges in Oklahoma. All but Bacone are tax-supported for white people. In this Christian school, that is supported by the two Home Mission Societies, and attended by representatives of over 40 Indian tribes, a boy or girl can start in the kindergarten and complete two years of college work. Many students have gone out from Bacone to serve their people with a devotion that money could not purchase.

The Home Mission Societies also conduct an orphanage in connection with Bacone, where unfortunate Indian children are given a Christian home. The home, as well as the college, depends upon the gifts of friends for maintenance.

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One of the more recent results of the co-operative activities of the two Home Mission Societies may be seen at Stewart, Nev. On February 16, 1941, a beautiful new parsonage and chapel were dedicated there. The parsonage is located adjacent to the new church and mission residence for women workers erected by the Woman's Society. The stones used in the construction of these buildings are prized for their delicate and rich color. A staff of three workers is carrying on a group type of ministry for the more than five hundred boys and girls at the Carson Indian School, and the Indian bands at Dreslerville, Stewart, and Reno.

INDIAN REVENGE THWARTED BY LOVE

By B. FRANK BELVIN

An address delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Northern Baptist Convention, Wichita, Kansas, May, 1941

I have always had ambitions for my people; but until I became a Christian they were selfish ambitions. In my youth I hoped that some day I would be able to repay the white man, in kind, for all the miseries heaped upon my people since the coming of the white man to the shores of America.

But thanks be to God and to home missions, I became a Christian, and then those selfish ambitions of youth faded into oblivion. They were replaced by loftier ideals, by a clearer conception of Christ who saved me, and by a desire to make him known to my people.

And now that desire is being realized. I have been chosen by our Home Mission Society to serve in Oklahoma among the Kiowa and Apache Indians. And so I go forth anxiously to tell my people, not of the evils of the past, but of the joys of the present and the glory of their future in Christ.

My aim is to preach the gospel of Christ and to make Christian disciples of my people. And I hope that this gospel will be felt in every phase of every life that hears; that it will be seen in renewed lives, renewed hopes, happier homes, better farms, better social conditions, and in all things that go to make well-rounded Christian living. And I desire the prayers of Baptists everywhere that this may be accomplished.

The trees have dropped their leaves only nine times since I became a Christian. but my humble prayer is that, when my head is white with many snows, I can say like Paul of old, "I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

Baptist Indian Missions and Missionary Personnel

DATA CURRENT 1941-1942

STATE, CHURCH, TRIBE	Work Begun	Present Membership	S. S. Enrollment	Present Missionaries	Post Office Address
ARIZONA					
Second Mesa, Hopi	1901	49	60	Lolla J. Stueckler	Polacca, Ariz.
First Mesa, Hopi	1902	38	43	Mable Olsen	Second Mesa, Ariz.
Keams Canyon, Navajo	1910	.....	88	Rev. and Mrs. Edw. Derbyshire	Polacca, Ariz.
Belhany, Yavapai-Apache	1904	109	65	Rev. Arthur F. Loveridge	Keams Canyon, Ariz.
Middle Verde, Yavapai-Apache	1911	.....	60	Rev. Perry L. Jackson	Cottonwood, Ariz.
Camp Verde, Yavapai-Apache	1921	.....	35	Rev. Perry L. Jackson	Cottonwood, Ariz.
Prescott, Yavapai-Apache	1921	.....	.....	Rev. Perry L. Jackson	Cottonwood, Ariz.
CALIFORNIA					
Auberry, Mono and Related Bands	1909	70	90	Rev. and Mrs. Veldon L. Patten	Auberry, Calif.
Sycamore, Mono and Related Bands	1913	53	60	Rev. and Mrs. Veldon L. Patten	Auberry, Calif.
Coarsegold, Mono and Related Bands	1918	63	40	Rev. Leo I. Thayer	Clovis, Calif.
Dunlap, Mono and Related Bands	1911	42	84	Rev. Leo I. Thayer	Clovis, Calif.
Table Mt., Mono and Related Bands	1914	54	85	Rev. Leo I. Thayer	Clovis, Calif.
MONTANA					
Lodge Grass, Crow	1901	206	105	Rev. W. A. Pelzoldt, D.D.	Lodge Grass, Mont.
Wyola, Crow	1910	24	46	Clara E. Ohta	Lodge Grass, Mont.
Crow Agency, Crow	1920	170	165	Mervina Johnson	Lodge Grass, Mont.
Pryor, Crow	1903	58	35	Rev. C. A. Bentley	Crow Agency, Mont.
Big Horn, Crow	1918	.....	7	Rev. Wilkin Willis	Pryor, Mont.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. J. E. H. Nelson	Hardin, Mont.
NEVADA					
Reno, Plute, Shoshone, and Washoe	1908	0	33	} Rev. George W. Smart	Stewart, Nev.
Dresterville, Washoe	1921	10	25		
Stewart (Gov.) School	1911	Bapt. (in part adjacent, but converts join home churches)	.....			Henrico Underwood .....	Stewart, Nev.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Miriam Corey	Stewart, Nev.
Fallon, Plute, and Shoshone .....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. S. R. Dunlop (Volunteer)	Sparks, Nev.
NEW YORK					
Callanuga Res., Seneca	1927	169	76	Rev. W. David Owl	Iroquois, N. Y.
Tuscarora Res., Tuscarora	1910	.....	120	Rev. Emory Koosis	Sanborn, N. Y.
Tonawanda Res., Seneca	1927	120	60	Rev. Ethel M. Knapp	Basom, N. Y.
.....	.....	.....	.....	Miss E. Esther Scriber	Basom, N. Y.
OKLAHOMA					
Calumet, Cheyenne and Arapaho	1893	48	15	Rev. Jesse L. Brandon	Geary, Okla.
Swappingback, Cheyenne and Arapaho	1930	58	21	Rev. Jesse L. Brandon	Geary, Okla.
Greenfield, Cheyenne and Arapaho	1894	121	10	Rev. Jesse L. Brandon	Geary, Okla.
Wichita, Caddo and Delaware	1887	52	44	Rev. J. Lester Roney	Anadarko, Okla.
Riverside (Gov.) School .....	.....	112	130	Rev. T. J. Davis	Anadarko, Okla.
Watonga, Cheyenne	1894	.....	45	Rev. J. Lester Roney	Watonga, Okla.
Kingsford, Cheyenne	1894	103	32	Rev. T. J. Davis	Watonga, Okla.
Concho (Gov.) School .....	.....	148	.....	Rev. Jesse L. Brandon	Geary, Okla.
Lawton, Comanche	1893	224	50	Rev. H. E. Gilbert	Walters, Okla.
Walters, Comanche	1927	70	33	Rev. H. E. Gilbert	Walters, Okla.
Fort Hill (Gov.) School .....	.....	68	.....	Rev. H. E. Gilbert	Walters, Okla.
Fort Cobb, Apache	1916	.....	29	Rev. B. Frank Bevin	Anadarko, Okla.
Redstone, Kiowa	1908	103	38	Rev. B. Frank Bevin	Anadarko, Okla.
Rainy Mountain, Kiowa	1892	271	80	Rev. Frank R. Venable	Mt. View, Okla.
Saddle Mountain, Kiowa	1894	194	30	Sherman Chaddleson and Rev. Frank R. Venable	Mt. View, Okla.
Elk Creek, Kiowa	1892	74	23	Rev. Frank R. Venable	Mt. View, Okla.
Bacone College	1880	250	500	38 Members on Faculty	Bacone, Okla.
MANY TRIBES					
Gov. Indian Schools supported by the Home Missions Council of North America with which our two Home Mission Societies co-operate.	.....	.....	.....	Religious Work Directors:	.....
Sherman Institute .....	.....	.....	.....	Philip Riley	Riverside, Calif.
Haackel Institute .....	.....	.....	.....	Vera Wight	Riverside, Calif.
Abuquerque Indian School .....	.....	.....	.....	E. Russell Carter	Lawrence, Kan.
Chemawa Indian School .....	.....	.....	.....	Earl Whipple	Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Flanndrau Indian School .....	.....	.....	.....	Worth Mackle	Salem, Ore.
Phoenix Indian School .....	.....	.....	.....	Margery V. Hibbard	Flanndrau, S. Dak.
Chilocco Indian School	Earle P. Dexter	Phoenix, Ariz.
.....	A. Willard Jones	Chilocco, Okla.
Totals	43	3,300	2,313

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